

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 12-20 and 24 were previously canceled.

Claims 21-23 and 25-34 are canceled herein.

Claims 1, 7, and 9 have been amended.

The amendment of Claims 1, 7, and 9 is supported by Claims 1-24 as originally filed, as well as the specification as filed at pages 7-85.

No new matter is believed to have been entered by the present amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's telephone conversations with Applicants' undersigned Representative on August 30, 2005, September 1, 2005, and September 7, 2005. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Liu for the indication during these discussions that the rejections of the previously pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the objection to the claims issued in the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, would be withdrawn. Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Liu for the indication that the amendments herein would place the claims in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants wish to remind the Examiner that consideration of reference AO (EP 0775 711) on the IDS filed on January 2, 2004, has not been acknowledged by the Examiner. Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of EP 0775 711 by initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449 filed on August 19, 2005, listing this reference.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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